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The Honorable Barbara M. Watson
Assistant Secretary of State
for Consular Affairs
Department of State
Washington, D.C. 20520

Dear Barbara:

I have been here a week and it seems a bit longer. Although we have made progress there are still a number of things which need to be done.

I am sending you and Alan Gise copies of a special issue of the Chronicle which I think has fairly good coverage on the tragedy at Jonestown. I feel it may be useful as source material in the future. If you have not done so, I especially recommend the middle story on the first page entitled "Saturday Night Horror" as it is written by the Guyanese official who accompanied the Ryan party and I suppose is as close to an official Guyanese Government report as we are likely to receive.

Since I will probably not write again before Christmas, let me take this opportunity to send you and Grace our very best wishes for a Happy Holiday Season.

Respectfully,

Vernon D. McAninch
American Consul General

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